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Ms. Diane Rhéaume
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa ON K1A 0N2

Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2006-4-2, Item 29 – Application No. 2006-0167-6 by Cogeco Cable Quebec Inc. (Cogeco) to authorize the distribution of distant Canadian signals and a 2nd set of US 4+1 network signals

1. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) – the national voice of Canada's private broadcasters, representing the vast majority of Canadian programming services, including private television and radio stations, networks and specialty, pay and pay-per-view television services – is pleased to submit this intervention concerning the above-noted application.
2. Cogeco is seeking authority to distribute distant Canadian signals and a second set of US 4+1 network signals, all on a discretionary digital basis, on its cable distribution undertakings serving various locations in Quebec. The distribution of distant signals from other time zones raises concerns with respect to the protection of the program rights of local broadcasters in the markets served by Cogeco.
3. Consistent with distant signal authorizations first granted by the Commission in Decision CRTC 2000-437, the CAB submits that the carriage of these signals on Cogeco's cable undertakings should be approved only if Cogeco is required to adhere to the provisions of section 43 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* respecting non-simultaneous program deletion. Further, the CAB acknowledges that the Commission

could suspend these program deletion requirements only upon approval of an agreement between Cogeco and the CAB that deals with issues related to the protection of program rights.

4. The CAB appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Keeble'.

David Keeble
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